

COMMENTS MADE AT THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP JULY 27, 2005

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Harold Gloe	Please do not use my farm as a laboratory. If a spring rise is going to help the pallid sturgeon we should have plenty. We have a natural spring rise almost every year on the lower MO. River.
Judy Lay	As a Mo River bottoms farmer's wife I'm very concerned about a spring rise. As a traveler of MO highways I realize the importance of I-70 which came awfully close to being washed away in '93. I'm also concerned about upper states lack of water. They <u>need</u> the water. If a spring rise results from your decision, make it <u>short</u> so upper MO interests keeps water & lower MO land is not flooded.
Mendell Elson	Speaker Representing Saline County
Deanna White	I hope that the committee will not be falsely persuaded by the busload of folks in opposition to a spring rise. Others throughout the Basin care deeply about this issue & support a spring rise. They chose to allow the committee and the process to work rather than trying to hijack the discussion and intimidate the Group. The bimodal spring rise is in the best interest of the River & those who depend on it.
Wilmer Erfling	No spring rise
Dan Kuenzel	
Sharon Schmuck	As fifth generation farmers in the Mo. River Bottoms we oppose the two spring rises. Our opposition stems from the following issues. First, science doesn't support the spring rise. Second, the economic impact of flooding our land at these critical times will devastate our family farm economy. We are contributing to our county and nearby towns economy in our Central Missouri area. We are concerned about this issue because Missouri has the most acres in the Mo. River flood plain; it is the farthest area from the dam; and more affected by spring rises and the noncontrolability (sic) of mother nature. Also, the issues of I-70 and the river haven't been addressed and the economic impact of loosing (sic) I-70 to the river.
Jayne Glosemeyer	Would like to speak to express a NO SPRING RISE!
Ray E. Willis	Want to speak please Representing Carroll Country
Carol Stundebek	Speak
Jeff Gebhardt	The damn (sic) and levee system was designed primarily for flood control and should remain that way. The science of a spring rise does not indicate a benefit to the wildlife, what would result is a huge economic loss for the communities along the river valley. Any spring rise is not an acceptable option.

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Lanny Frakes	In representing Halls Levee District, Rushville Sugar Lake Levee Association which in combination protects 26,000 acres we are opposed to a spring rise that would comprise flood control and negatively affect our ability to produce our crops.
Stan Schwellenbach	Drought conditions have caused record low water levels on Lake Oahe in S.D. because of the record low water banks the spring rise should use the least amount of water possible to protect our water intake; hydropower production, and use of lake Oahe recreation uses.
Paul D. Smith	Spring Rise in the lower basin would do more environmental harm than go (sic), due to excessive flooding, property damage, and loss of wildlife (aquatic) habitat.
Marvin Newman	No Spring Rise!!! Non Neg
Jason Linneman	A spring rise with a heavy rain is devastating to infrastructure as well as habitat. With high river stages the banks of the river erode. As well as drainage is backup that in turn start flooding over high product ground as well as roads, rail, and other structures. The flood pf 1993 was 4 to 5 feet higher because the dams up above could not hold.
Keith Ottmann	“Nishnabotma Drainage District” Problems with drainage with the high river!
Dave Mincer	The Missouri River Adaptive Management Pilot projects group would like to be informed on ideas from your group. * Would like win/win outcome ie compensation for lost productivity in spring rise year. “Raise all boats”
Al Jacob	
Bruce Strodtman	The proposed spring rise will render useless many productive acres. I am against it an will not support any proposed <u>un</u> natural (sic) spring rise.
Sam Graves, Member of Congress	Comment to Plenary III Group on Spring rise from the Congressman. Presented by RJ Blakley Vice Chairman St. Joseph Port Authority.
Dan Engemann	Submitted Missouri Department of Agriculture Speaker
Ron Hardecke	No Spring Rise!
Senator Bill Stouffer	Against Spring Rise that will cause flooding
Bill Jackson	See Attached
William Mauzuk	
M.J. Whitney	Worked well for 50 yrs & are people less important than fish & birds

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John Sam Williamson	Spring rises hurt farmers downstream in Missouri. It takes 7-10 days for water to get to central MO from the southernmost Dam. If we get a heavy rain 7 days after release it is too late to stop the rise which is compounded with heavy rain. Even if we do not have flooding, we have drainage ditches with flap gates where water can't flow out. It is our understanding that only 100 miles need this rise & the science does not guarantee that flooding will improve habitat for endangered species. The economic effects of flooding are devastating to local farmers and rural communities and even larger cities like Columbia, MO which has 16 wells & infrastructure in the flood plain. Thank you.
Ivan Woltemath	I am opposed to spring rise. Pallid sturgeon will sturgeon will survived (sic) dues to mitigation project. Rise will harm agriculture and business.
Danny Pfeifer	Speaker
Glen Waters	I am opposed to spring rise being planned on the Missouri River basin as there is no science for any benefit of this action.
Tom Waters	Oral comments to present Missouri Levee & Drainage District Association
Mindy Larsen Poldberg	Request to speak
Duane Paulsmeyer	I am a farmer. The proposed spring rise will not flood my farm every year but it will eventually. This is totally unacceptable for an experimental spawning cue for the pallid sturgeon.
Mrs. Bobbie H. Guilford	<u>No</u> long sustained rise!! Please. "Spring Rise" may or may <u>not</u> flood us but, spring rise + spring rains <u>are</u> likely to cause flooding – by actual overflow or by impounding of Spring Rains! Give us a "guarantee" of from 50% - 80% of last revenues that are caused in part of wholly by action of the " <u>Spring Rise</u> "!!!
Steve Smart	Will Speak Holt to random event, regardless Involuntary taking or property Damage to infrastructure
Mike "PeeWee" Forck	I am County Commissioner of Cole County the State Capital (sic) of MO Country Seat. We need to stop trying to go for this spring rise for so called saving the environment. What about the other environment we destroy with the rise. People's lives & livelihood up & down the Mo river valley. We don't take into consideration all the wildlife that benefits from water being managed without the spring rise so short & sweet stop the spring rise.

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Paul W. LePage	<p>Speaker</p> <p>It remains unclear to me that a spring rise would be of any benefit to the Pallid Sturgeon. On the same note, I know what damage would be done by a Spring rise on the lower Missouri River. On the lower river we have more water than we can handle in the Spring. Also we generally need more water in late summer for navigation.</p>
Vince Samson	<p>I believe that the purpose of the spring rise is only to flood out the farmers so they become willing sellers and their land can be purchase (sic) at reduced prices by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife, the Corp (sic), or Mo. Conservation Dept. It is called the Big Muddy project which has already purchase (sic) over 43,000 acres of the 800,000 acres in the flood plane. In 1999, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife approved the purchase of additional 60,000 acres in the flood plane. (94,000 or 12%). Their goal is to buy all 800,000 acres and drive the farmers out. Alternative E. in the Big Muddy Book.</p> <p>Question: Where do we go to collect payment for damages to our crops resulting when the “planned flood” turns into a big Flood.</p> <p>Thank you, Vince Samson</p>
Peggy Smart	
Lyle McIntosh	<p>I am a Board member of two drainage districts in Harrison & Pottawatomie Counties in Iowa. From past experience of many years we have found that conditions created by a spring rise leaves our drainage districts and many thousands of acre’s (sic) very vulnerable to flooding and blocked drainage during the planting season. During the high river times in the 90’s, we experienced very serious flooding and drainage damage, including enhanced flooding in the town of Missouri Valley.</p>
Rick Spellman	<p>A high release from Fort Randall Dam will cause flooding in the are of Verdel, N.E., Lazy River Acres, where there are about 250 homes on the Missouri River. This flooding will be caused by the sediment that has built up at the confluence of the Mo. & Niobrara Rivers.</p> <p>Any plant to have high releases from Fort Randall Dam must include a plan to transport this sediment below Gavin’s Point Dam where it is needed.</p>
Matt Roney	I would like to speak on behalf of Sen. Kit Bond
Dick Boyd	<p>Have worked in the states of ND, SD, and NE for the past 35 yrs. Managed offices in Williston and Bismarck, ND; Pierre and Sioux Falls, SD; also Omaha, NE and am of the opinion that the people in those cities and others in the three state area favor the spring rise (2). Also have worked or been a member of q+20 environment organizations that favor the above suggestion.</p>
Arthur H. Schnuhy	We are 5 th generation river bottom farmers. Our life is in your hands with this decision!! Our field is NOT you laboratory.
Jerry Wolfe	Please drefir (sic) our these rivers